

Located at the lowest echelon of power, the senate intern watches his phone light up like a Christmas tree as the constituency descends upon the office. He answers call after call with the simple reassurance that it will be passed on. Yet, as the mountain of the constituency begins to overwhelm him, he may slowly start to lose hope. However, as he glances at the Reagan portrait hanging before him, he knows that he is the gate between the senator and his constituency, and he must carry on. And I Dalton, aka Dolvin, have come to find myself in this valued position fall semester of 2017.●

REMEMBERING JAMES DOUGLAS MACY

● Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, last month, Oregon lost one of our most esteemed landscape architects, James Douglas Macy. Doug dedicated his life to protecting places that brought Oregon's unmatched natural beauty to millions of visitors. He will be sorely missed.

Doug grew up on a cattle ranch in Madras, OR, where he soaked up the natural beauty of his dramatic surroundings. It was there that his passion for landscape architecture first took hold. That passion grew as Doug studied landscape architecture at the University of Oregon and moved to Portland where he founded the urban design firm Walker Macy.

Doug blended his passionate advocacy for the protection of Oregon's natural treasures with his dedication to civic causes, the arts, and beautifying outdoor spaces. Through his design firm, he has influenced and mentored generations of landscape architects who have shaped cities and public spaces across the Pacific Northwest and beyond.

Anyone who has visited my hometown of Portland has felt Doug's influence in his designs of some of the city's most beloved spaces, including Pioneer Courthouse Square, Waterfront Park, and the Vietnam Veterans of Oregon Memorial. He was behind much of the revitalization that turned downtown Portland into a thriving, diverse, and green city where so many people enjoy living.

Visitors can also get a sense of Doug's love of nature in his designs for projects at national parks, including Crater Lake, private natural preserves like Opal Creek Ancient Forest Center, the scenic wonders of the Columbia River Gorge, State parks such as Oregon's Cottonwood Canyon, and hundreds of municipal parks and open spaces. Doug's work didn't stop there; his work can also be seen on college campuses, museums, vineyards, hospitals, and scenic highways.

In addition, Doug was a selfless citizen who donated his time and professional expertise to a countless number of causes, such as the Pacific Northwest College of Art, the Portland Parks Foundation, and the Portland Japanese Garden, which recently opened an expansion designed with Doug's guidance.

Doug will be remembered by those whose lives he touched and for creating

beautiful and inspiring places for people across the West. He will especially be remembered as a dedicated father to his son Aaron, who died tragically in 1999, and as a caring sibling to his sisters Marilyn Macy Brown and Rebecca Macy and his brother Gregg Macy.

Today I honor the esteemed life and career of James Douglas Macy and recognize his enduring legacy as a landscape architect who fiercely protected and improved Oregonians' quality of life and many unique public and cultural resources throughout the Northwest.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:58 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1638. An act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to submit a report to the appropriate congressional committees on the estimated total assets under direct or indirect control by certain senior Iranian leaders and other figures, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1638. An act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to submit a report to the appropriate congressional committees on the estimated total assets under direct or indirect control by certain senior Iranian leaders and other figures, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. JOHNSON, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with amendments:

S. 584. A bill to amend chapter 6 of title 5, United States Code (commonly known as the Regulatory Flexibility Act), to ensure complete analysis of potential impacts on small entities of rules, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 115-194).

By Mr. JOHNSON, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1769. A bill to require a new or updated Federal website that is intended for use by the public to be mobile friendly, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 115-195).

By Mr. JOHNSON, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment:

S. 1869. A bill to reauthorize and rename the position of Whistleblower Ombudsman to be the Whistleblower Protection Coordinator (Rept. No. 115-196).

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. INHOFE for Mr. MCCAIN for the Committee on Armed Services.

Air Force nomination of Maj. Gen. Anthony J. Cotton, to be Lieutenant General.

Air Force nomination of Col. Sharon A. Shaffer, to be Brigadier General.

Air Force nomination of Col. Robert J. Marks, to be Brigadier General.

Air Force nominations beginning with Col. Ronald G. Allen, Jr. and ending with Col. Alice W. Trevino, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 14, 2017. (minus 1 nominee: Col. Jeffrey H. Hurlbert)

Army nomination of Maj. Gen. Christopher G. Cavoli, to be Lieutenant General.

Army nomination of Lt. Gen. Stephen J. Townsend, to be General.

Navy nomination of Rear Adm. Nancy A. Norton, to be Vice Admiral.

Navy nomination of Rear Adm. Richard A. Brown, to be Vice Admiral.

Air Force nomination of Col. Mitchel Neurock, to be Brigadier General.

Air Force nominations beginning with Brig. Gen. Hubert C. Hegtveldt and ending with Brig. Gen. John B. Williams, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on December 1, 2017.

Mr. INHOFE for Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, for the Committee on Armed Services I report favorably the following nomination lists which were printed in the RECORDS on the dates indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar that these nominations lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Air Force nomination of Arianne R. Morrison, to be Major.

Air Force nomination of Richard A. Hanrahan, to be Major.

Air Force nominations beginning with Aleck A. Brown and ending with John D. Ritter, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on December 1, 2017.

Army nomination of Jennifer A. Mahoney, to be Major.

Army nominations beginning with Yon T. Chung and ending with Michael B. Payne, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on October 16, 2017.

Army nominations beginning with Nathele J. Anderson and ending with Brian R. Horton, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 27, 2017.

Army nominations beginning with Thomas W. Green and ending with Kenneth M. Koop, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 27, 2017.

Army nomination of Adam R. Liberman, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Michael E. Steelman, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Gerald D. Gangaram, to be Major.

Army nomination of Brian R. Johnson, to be Major.

Army nominations beginning with Scott T. Ayers and ending with Tyesha L. Smith, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 27, 2017. (minus 1 nominee: Shawn D. Smith)

Army nomination of Peter J. Armstrong, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Ali S. Zaza, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Phillip T. Buckler, to be Major.

Army nomination of Vernice K. Favor-Williams, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nomination of Heather M. Lee, to be Major.

Navy nominations beginning with William L. Arnest and ending with Karen J. Wood, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 14, 2017.

Navy nomination of Sharif H. Calfee, to be Captain.

By Mr. GRASSLEY for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Andrei Iancu, of California, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

Duane A. Kees, of Arkansas, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Arkansas for the term of four years.

Stephen R. McAllister, of Kansas, to be United States Attorney for the District of Kansas for the term of four years.

Ronald A. Parsons, Jr., of South Dakota, to be United States Attorney for the District of South Dakota for the term of four years.

Ryan K. Patrick, of Texas, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Texas for the term of four years.

Michael B. Stuart, of West Virginia, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of West Virginia for the term of four years.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. PETERS, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. 2229. A bill to direct the Secretary of Commerce, acting through the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, to conduct coastal community vulnerability assessments related to ocean acidification, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Ms. HEITKAMP):

S. 2230. A bill to require the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to improve services for survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Mr. HATCH):

S. 2231. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide for institutional ineligibility based on low cohort repayment rates and to require risk sharing payments of institutions of higher education; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. KING:

S. 2232. A bill to amend the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to provide for the integration of distributed energy resources, to modernize electricity grid infrastructure, to provide for the consideration of non-wires alternatives, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. UDALL (for himself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, and Ms. CORTEZ MASTO):

S. 2233. A bill to protect Native children and promote public safety in Indian country; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. WICKER (for himself and Ms. HASSAN):

S. 2234. A bill to require the Federal Trade Commission to develop cybersecurity resources for consumer education and awareness regarding the purchase and use of devices that are part of the Internet of Things, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. DONNELLY (for himself and Mr. CRUZ):

S. 2235. A bill to establish a tiered hiring preference for members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. BOOKER, Mrs. ERNST, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Ms. BALDWIN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. CORNYN, Ms. HARRIS, Ms. HASSAN, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. WARREN, and Mrs. McCASKILL):

S. 2236. A bill to require covered discrimination and covered harassment awareness and prevention training for Members, officers, employees, interns, fellows, and detailees of Congress within 30 days of employment and annually thereafter, to require a biennial climate survey of Congress, to amend the enforcement process under the Office of Congressional Workplace Rights for covered discrimination and covered harassment complaints, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. MORAN (for himself and Mr. MANCHIN):

S. 2237. A bill to amend the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council Act of 1978 to improve the examination of depository institutions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. PORTMAN):

S. 2238. A bill to amend the Ohio & Erie Canal National Heritage Canalway Act of 1996 to repeal the funding limitation; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. STABENOW:

S. 2239. A bill to amend the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 to improve the scheduling of appointments, the accountability of third party administrators, and payment to providers under such Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Ms. HIRONO):

S. 2240. A bill to direct the Election Assistance Commission to carry out a pilot program under which the Commission shall provide funds to local educational agencies for initiatives to provide voter registration information to secondary school students in the 12th grade; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. KING:

S. 2241. A bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act by clarifying that State Exchanges are prohibited from imposing fees or assessments on issuers of excepted benefits and standalone dental plans not sold through an Exchange; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. RISCH, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. STRANGE, and Mr. INHOFE):

S. Res. 361. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the United States Government shall, both unilaterally and alongside the international community, consider all options for exerting maximum pressure on the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), in order to denuclearize the DPRK, protect the lives of United States citizens and allies, and prevent further proliferation of nuclear weapons; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 45

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 45, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to increase penalties for individuals who illegally reenter the United States after being removed and for other purposes.

S. 223

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. HOEVEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 223, a bill to provide immunity from suit for certain individuals who disclose potential examples of financial exploitation of senior citizens, and for other purposes.

S. 818

At the request of Mr. BURR, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. ROUNDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 818, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow individuals with disabilities to save additional amounts in their ABLE accounts above the current annual maximum contribution if they work and earn income.

S. 946

At the request of Mr. FLAKE, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. HASSAN) and the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 946, a bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to hire additional Veterans Affairs to hire additional Veterans Justice Outreach Specialists to provide treatment court services to justice-involved veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 1693

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1693, a bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to clarify that section 230 of that Act does not prohibit the enforcement against providers and users of interactive computer services of Federal and State criminal and civil law relating to sex trafficking.

S. 1774

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. JOHNSON) and the Senator from Arizona (Mr. FLAKE) were added as cosponsors of S. 1774, a bill to provide protections for workers with respect to their right to select or refrain from selecting representation by a labor organization.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated: